

REMARKS

Applicant's assignee has responded to the requirement for restriction made in the Office Action mailed June 7, 2006, and requests further substantive examination of the application. In particular, applicant's assignee has elected species II, represented in FIG. 26. Claims 2-9, 10-11, and 15-27, all of the claims remaining in the application, all read on the elected species.

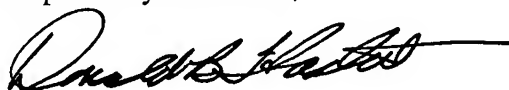
All of the remaining claims except claim 9 also read on the subassembly shown in FIGS. 1-25, designated by the Examiner as Species I.

As explained in the specification, while the tool shown in FIG. 26 is more particularly useful to a hunter than is the tool shown in FIGS. 1-5, the cutter 252 including a hook 258, of tool shown in FIG. 26 would also be useful to a gardener. See page 15, lines 1-13.

The specification has been amended at page 13, line 31, by deleting highlighting that had mistakenly been present in the application as filed.

In light of the foregoing remarks and amendments, the Examiner is requested to reexamine the application, to allow claims 2-9, 10-11, and 15-27, all of the claims remaining in the application, and to pass the application on promptly to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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